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In re Patent Application of)
Kyu TAKADA et al) Group Art Unit: 2872
Application No.: 09/865,625) Examiner: James Phan
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For: OPTICAL SCANNER)

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 13, 2003, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are currently pending. Of these, claims 5-12 and 16-22 have been withdrawn from consideration. The Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 2-4 is acknowledged with appreciation.

The Office Action indicates that the Examiner disagrees with Applicants' statement that claims 13 and 23 are generic to both of species A and B. In the Office Action dated September 12, 2002, species A was identified as reflection-type optical elements and species B was identified as transmission-type optical elements. Since claims 13 and 23 do not specify whether the optical surface is provided on a reflection-type element or a

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